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### AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 12, 2006, the period for response having been extended to November 12, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted concurrently along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.